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Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Santa Cruz County, located at 1250 N. Hohokam Dr., Nogales, Arizona, 85621. The funding would be used to retrofit an existing county building for the purpose of converting it into an animal shelter with the capacity to effectively provide the highest level of animal services within the jurisdiction. The current shelter has surpassed its ability to accommodate the shelter needs of the county. There are currently only 20 kennels that are at capacity 90% to 100% of the time and no dedicated area for felines. In addition, there is no lobby/waiting room for customers or space to accommodate veterinarians, at times resulting in premature euthanasia. The new shelter will provide 47 kennels, 6 quarantine kennels, and a designated area for felines. In addition, the new shelter will provide a veterinarian lab, a customer lobby, offices, meeting rooms, and a much-needed designated parking area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the growing needs of Santa Cruz Animal Shelter to ensure they continue to serve its constituents and animals, by enforcing state and local laws and providing the highest level of animal services, without restrictions. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress